(3) Rewards should be granted by Government to those villages in which the work is reported by the District Officers to have been satisfactorily done.

*Mr. Chikkaguruva Reddy dissented.*

The Resolutions were read at the meeting on 25th April 1917 and votes were taken with the result that 65 voted in favour of legislation while 82 voted against it.

*Reply of Government.*—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 17.

Increased grant for Village Improvement Committees.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The present grant by way of contribution for village improvement is not sufficiently encouraging. Government grant may be raised from one to one and a half times the funds raised locally. In Bombay, Village Sanitary Committees get from Government and Local Funds Rs. 7 for every sum of Rs. 5 raised locally.

*Reply of Government.*—Will be favourably considered.

SUBJECT No. 18.

Formation of Village Fund.

Mr. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Resources from every possible means may be secured to make up a village fund instead of enforcing labour and the village held responsible for its upkeep and sanitation. Sale proceeds of skins of dead animals, fees levied on cattle grazing in tank beds, sale proceeds of grass on tank bunds, fishery and vacant sites and a small percentage out of the net profits of the Co-operative Society may be set apart for the purpose.

*Mr. M. S. Ramachar.*—The proposals are not feasible inasmuch as they are opposed to *mamul* in many respects and moreover, Co-operative Societies do not exist in all villages. The Government grant-in-aid may be increased.

*Mr. K. Ramanna.*—Collections in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk were made at the rate of eight annas, four annas and two annas according to the means of the subscribers at harvest time and the funds are invested in the Government Savings Bank in the name of the Chairman.

*Reply of Government.*—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 19.

(1) Reduction of the rate of contribution payable by the raiyats for tank restoration; (2) Levy of contribution only for repair of tanks; (3) Repairs to minor tanks.

Messrs. (1) Nadig Lakshmana Rao, Nadig Bhaskara Rao, Sorab taluk; P. Venkappaiya, Shimoga Municipality; C. Vamana Rao, N. Subba Rao, M. Subbanna, Nagar taluk; (2) Channabasappa Gowda, Sorab taluk; (3) Puttappa, Krishnappa, Adavappa, Venkatagiriappa, Sagar taluk; and C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

*Note.*—*Withdrawn*, as many of these disabilities have been removed by the recent G. O. No. R. 9425-36—L. R. 36-16-17, dated 10th March 1917 on the subject.